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Official Says CIA Can Predict Any Hostile Russian Movement

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A top official of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) said in Detroit yesterday that his agency could "reasonably predict" preparations for any hostile action by Russia.

But, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, inspector general of the CIA, said the goal of his ultrasecret organization was to be "absolutely certain."

Kirkpatrick, in a wheel chair

since a polio attack several years ago, addressed the Economic Club of Detroit at its luncheon meeting in the Veterans Memorial Building.

He said it was the ultimate goal of CIA agents not only to spot missiles being loaded on a launching pad, but to actually obtain the attack order from the Kremlin.

WARY OF SLIPS

Kirkpatrick, 44, one-time Princeton football player, spelled out the difficulty in explaining the workings of the CIA to the American public. Until recent U-2 developments, the agency was relatively unknown.

"To tell too much," he explained, "is to reveal information the enemy is seeking. Yet the American public must have confidence in our work."

He described the CIA as, in some respects, the nation's first line of defense.

"The Communists tell their own people little of what is going on," he said. "This makes it harder to learn what's going on."

SIFT ALL REPORTS

Kirkpatrick detailed the make-up of the CIA, noting that intelligence reports from agents, tourists, the military and other sources all are sifted and channeled to an intelligence board of estimates for evaluation.

The board presents a national

intelligence estimate to the president.

RATES RUSSIANS

Kirkpatrick said the CIA foresaw the possibility of Communist interference in Castro's Cuba, but he admitted the rapidity with which communism swept to power there was underestimated by the CIA.

Evaluating Russian and Red Chinese intelligence strength, Kirkpatrick said:

"We are dealing with a competent, skilled, ruthless organization that we must never underestimate. Nor should we be misled by the possibility of a split between Russia and the Chinese. This would not lessen their ability to plot specific jobs in specific areas."



LYMAN B. KIRKPATRICK

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